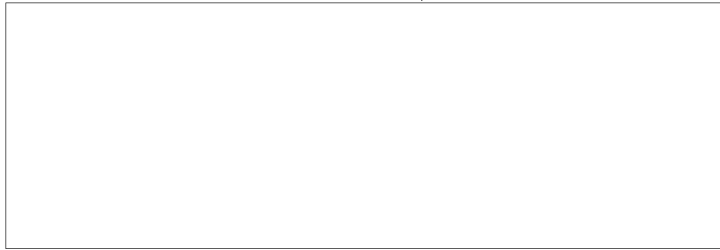


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Dear



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I'm pleased to report that you are among the finalists that we are considering for our Staff Historian position. We had a very large number of good applications, so that arriving at our short list has taken longer than we expected.

I would now be grateful if you could give me the names and addresses (and telephone numbers, if possible) of at least three persons who can give me candid appraisals of your professional abilities. If you have an up-to-date dossier of references on file with [redacted] this will serve the purpose if you have it sent here.

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Although we intend to make our selection by early January, I think I mentioned to you that the long CIA clearance process means that the new historian probably cannot expect to take up this position before summer. I'll keep you informed on how you stand, and I hope you will call me (at [redacted]) if you have any questions.

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It was good to see you again last month in Colorado.

Yours sincerely,



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J. Kenneth McDonald  
Chief Historian

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